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Walking in a Winter Wonderland



Winter returned to the Omaha area with a vengeance Friday afternoon, leaving 1 to 3 inches of snow on the ground. UNO was not spared as shown by the center photo of Jean Zi, a visiting scholar from Beijing, as she braves the snow squall. In the inset photo, Lynn Chen, left, and Jane Sung, both ILUNO students, attempt to protect themselves from the blowing wind and snow.

—photos by SR Kemper

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Holiday Advertising Blitz Fills Mailbox, Boggles Mind

For those of us inclined to fill our date books in 15-minute increments, count term paper pages, and live by largely unattainable deadlines, here's a news flash: There are only five weeks, five days and five hours until the official close of the holiday shopping season — time to start "makin' that list and checkin' it twice."

I actually began my annual anxiety attack over "what or if to buy, for whom, and with what cash" two weeks and two days ago. It all started when, on a last-minute quest for a fright wig to complete my Halloween costume, I was forced to settle for Christmas tree garland.

The seasonal aisle at my local discount department store consisted of a neglected heap of mismatched costume remnants and the most ostentatiously vulgar display of metallic red, silver and gold commercialism I'd ever witnessed. I wondered if somehow I blacked out and completely missed Thanksgiving. Was it really that time of year already?

The ensuing weeks assured me it was. Reminders that it was the "season to be jolly" and start forking over the cash appeared at every turn. Retailers admonished me not to "forget" and restaurateurs suggested I "consider gift certificates" for those "special people" on my list.

But how could I compose a holiday shopping roster when I had yet to finish that proverbial "do or die" list? You know the one — "Assignments I Have to Make Up Before the Last Day to Drop With a Grade of 'W.'" I deftly decided the latter demanded priority, penciling in the former at 4:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3.

Fortunately, I didn't have to 'W' after all. Unfortunately, this feat demanded an amount of sleep deprivation, which cost me more than a few 15-minute appointments. By the start of last week, the daily deluge of holiday catalogues in my mailbox had exacerbated my dread over the yet-composed list beyond my wildest nightmare before Christmas.

On Monday Lillian Vernon and FingerHut offered me a total of 1,532 different "great gift ideas," and I hadn't even explored the "\$1,449 in Coupon Savings" offered in the Toys 'R' Us catalogue inserted in my Sunday paper only a day before. As I futilely flipped through these volumes, a few items caught my attention.

For only \$19.98 some lucky guy on my list (whenever I made one) might receive 100 percent silk boxer shorts, with a Christmas ornament pattern in bold colors on black silk.

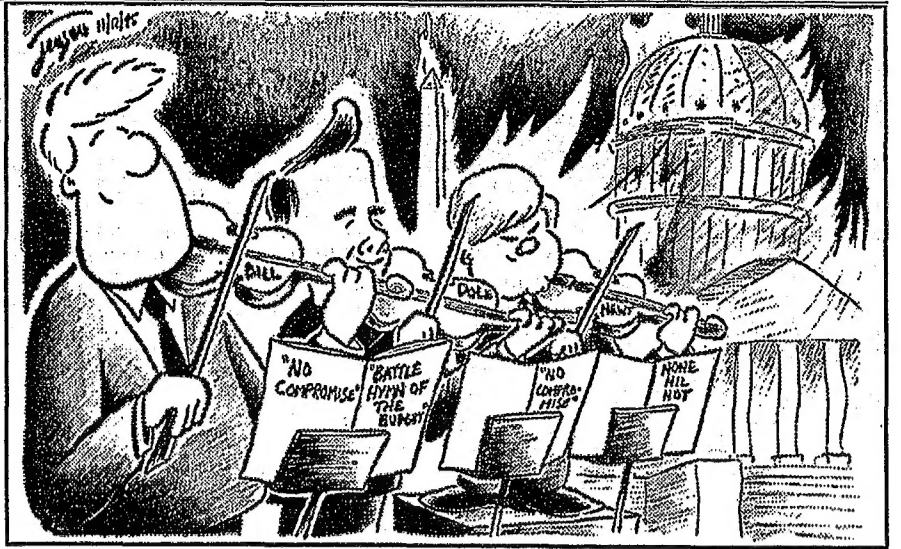
"For that special someone" (could it be Aunt Lottie, the retired teacher?) I could "mesmerize in myriad marvelous ways" with a personalized iridescent frosted glass apple — a bargain at only \$14.98. Or how about Sapphire Dream Barbie for my 5-year-old? I'm sure she'd appreciate that \$49.99 price tag as she ran her Christmas-candied fingers over the sixteenth of a yard of taffeta in Barbie's gown.

By Wednesday, the growing stack of "something for everyone" numbered in excess of a dozen, with the potential to provide solutions to at least 10,000 of my gift-giving dilemmas, if I only knew what or who they were. I toyed with the idea of getting

each of the sisters-in-law the same "fun and frosty holiday accents" — little earrings in the shape of snowmen. These "frosty little fellows" could be ordered for only \$5.99 a pair. I spied them in an Avon catalogue I found anonymously hung on my door by some woman named Donna. They possessed "bellies that sway with every move of your head." Whoa. Sounded a little like too many of Uncle Bud's special Yuletide yummys. I decided to take a break, seeking that little blue box of plop-plop fizz-fizz.

By Friday, the pressure to begin the list mounted, as I decided it was easier to keep track of my holiday shopping guides by total poundage rather than by counting. Added to this hefty holiday collection of glossy, full-color paper were the latest offerings from Current, National Wildlife, World Wildlife Fund, One Hanes Place, Carol Wright and Annie's Attic. Upon perusing this newest batch of publications, I began to wonder how in the world I got on all these mailing lists. I thought about all the trees that must have given their lives so that I might "shop from the convenience of my own home." And then I thought about the tens, maybe hundreds of millions of trees and shoppers out there. A string of multicolored lights began flashing in my mind.

What if this year I included Mother Nature on my list? In fact, why not right at the top? In the name of preservation of our precious resources, as my gift, I decided first: I'd give one pound of this "useful holiday paper" as a gift to everyone I knew. Second: I'd devote myself to getting my name and the names of any who would listen, OFF of lists everywhere, thereby saving the lives of trees all over. Now that's what I call one-stop shopping.



Winter in Heartland is No Wonderland

Well, it's that time of year again. The snow gently falls, children play in the snow and build snowmen. Grandma bakes cookies for everyone, and the first signs of Christmas appear. You can't miss the fact that Old Man Winter is on his way. Just drive through the streets of our fair city, and you will see all the signs of people already acting as if there is five feet of snow and 40 mile an hour winds blowing in our faces. With what could be considered our first real snowfall of the season, it seems the citizens of Omaha were ready before the city plows were.

It always starts the same way. One of the local forecasters cries of a 30 percent chance of 3-4 inches of snow, and immediately everyone and their grandma flocks to the grocery store to stock up on the necessities of life — we could have our houses covered in snow for weeks on end with this snowfall. There is a 20-minute wait at the check-out lines, which are full of people with carts of bread and bottled water. Omaha Public Schools posts an announcement on the radio saying that school is canceled tomorrow and possibly the day after. Parents, keep your kids inside as the snow begins to fall, as they may become lost and never find their way home. Of course, while all of this is happening the city has not figured out if it wants to get the plows ready.

It's about noon when the first flakes begin to fall. All the drivers on the road at once turn on their headlights and slow down to 30 mph. People begin to head home from work early in hopes of beating the brunt of the storm. Later, there are reports over the radio of dozens of accidents across the city: "Do not call the police unless there is an injury!" Of course not. Chances are most accidents are caused

by the drivers who do not know how to drive in snow getting in the way of the halfway intelligent people, who realize that you can still drive the speed limit on the wet ground. And the city still waits to consider whether it will be necessary to send out the plows.

At 5 p.m. the interstate is at a standstill. Obviously because of the one driver at the front of this long line who has decided to pull over to the side of the road to wait out this vicious snowstorm. Everyone drives by and gawks at what could be an accident. People

continue to panic with every car they see pulled over and drive even slower so it won't happen to them. The snow builds up to one inch on the ground. The city waits.

By 7 p.m., most everyone has made it home,

started their fireplaces, and called out for pizza. The snow on the streets has turned to slush, and the temperature begins to fall as the sun does. The city waits.

It is now midnight, the snow has stopped falling, and the streets have turned to one inch of pure ice. Just in time for the bars to close. The city finally gets its snow crew on the road with thousands of pounds of salt to throw on the ground. Kids have finally gone to bed, as they have no school tomorrow and can stay up late. The last news report of the evening reports a total of two inches of snowfall and warns of driving conditions overnight into the morning rush.

Yes, the harsh winter has returned to the heartland. And we will have to endure another harsh Nebraska winter. And can you believe that in states such as Minnesota and Illinois, life goes on in a storm like that? They must be crazy!

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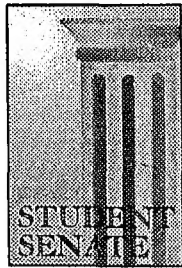


Student Senate Begins New Session

Jensen Elected Speaker; Athletic Director Asks for New Fieldhouse Scoreboards

By Beth Warner

Sen. Danielle Jensen was elected Speaker of the UNO Student Senate Thursday night in the Senate's first meeting since the October elections.



Jensen replaces former Speaker of the Senate Tony Hill.

Speaker Jensen said she plans to help the Senate work better together and to do the best job she can.

For now, the focus has been on getting the new senators acquainted with how to best represent their constituents.

At the first meeting, the newly elected senators were sworn in as a group.

In a Friday afternoon phone interview, Jensen said that the new senators went through an orientation retreat at the YWCA's Camp Brewster, two weeks before their first meeting.

The senators went through three training classes, Jensen said, which were the structure of the Senate, parliamentary procedure and Robert's rules, and how to write letters of statement and resolutions. She said the information classes were taught to the entire group of new senators at once, but on several occasions the senators broke into smaller groups to do hands-on work.

Jensen said this was the second year they have held a retreat for the new senators. She said that in earlier years the first meeting served as a kind of practice session. Jensen said having an orientation for the new senators was a lot better this way because the new senators had a better idea of what was going on at their first meeting.

Jensen said the new Senate is unusual because the majority is women. The Senate now comprises of 10 women and nine men.

Also during the meeting, UNO Athletic Director Don Leahy and Connie Claussen, assistant director of UNO athletics, made an appeal to the Senate for two new scoreboards for the UNO Fieldhouse after

renovations.

The two scoreboards would cost \$35,000 each, plus the cost of installation. If approved, the \$70,000 could be split between two Senate budget terms. Leahy suggested that Student President/Regent Justin Peterson's regime could pay for one half and Craig Richter's regime could pay the other half.

Richter was elected Student President/Regent and takes office in January. Peterson's term ends in December.

Don Leahy said he understood that Student Government had been responsible for a six-panel scorer's table. One panel belongs to Student Government, the remaining five panels are sold to various corporations for advertising.

The scoreboards will also have panels which can be sold for advertising revenue.

"If you see fit to support this request, it will make it easier to make money year after year," Leahy said.

Jensen asked if it would be possible for the athletic program to borrow money from the Senate to cover the cost of the scoreboards.

Leahy said it was a sound idea, but he expressed concern for setting a precedent of borrowing money and conditions on being able to borrow that money with the budget they have.

The Fieldhouse will undergo a \$9.5 million renovation, Leahy said, but the cost of the scoreboards is not included in the amount.

The new three-story structure will be on the north side of the Fieldhouse. The new section will house a wrestling room, locker rooms, a weight room and office space. Renovations to the present Fieldhouse will include more bleachers and a new entrance. Space currently used for offices, which will be vacated for office space in the new part of the building, would be used for women's



—photos by SR Kemper

Don Leahy, UNO athletic director, speaks to the Senate about fund raising, and renovations to the

locker rooms and a training room.

"We have been talking about the renovations since 1989," Leahy said.

The cost of the renovation is being funded by donations from the community and will use no tax dollars.

Leahy said the athletic department is trying to raise money to bring Division I hockey to UNO.

Leahy said it might be easier if UNO were to join the division in conjunction with another school. He said this would make scheduling games easier.

Division I hockey would have a huge start-up cost, Leahy said, but the athletic department has been exploring options for practice ice. Options he suggested were an ice rink at Ak-Sar-Ben, icing the floor of the Civic Auditorium, and sharing ice with the Omaha Lancers, using the ice when it is not in use.



Danielle Jensen is elected the new Speaker of the Student Senate.

Student

President/Regent Peterson will be in contact with Leahy and plans to have senators meet with Leahy within the next couple of weeks to discuss Leahy's request.

In other business:

•Senators voted to break tie votes for two Senate seats.

The College of Human Resources and Family Sciences was tied between Jim Cotten and Ann Welsh. Ann Welsh was voted in unanimously.

The College of Public Affairs and Community Service seat was tied between Georgette Thorpe and John Wells. Georgette Thorpe was voted in by a vote of 14-3-0.

•In a unanimous vote, senators approved a \$158 expenditure for a shed for UNO's Child Care Center. The shed will be used to store toys during the winter months. The Child Care Center Parents Association raised \$92 toward the purchase.

Video Conference Focuses on Classroom Anger

By Vineta Pritchard

Anger in the classroom is becoming a heated topic on college campuses lately.

To help professors deal with that anger, UNO took part in a live interactive video conference Thursday, with the help of Community College Satellite Network and the office of academic affairs.

The teleconference reviewed reasons for students changing their expectations of professors and the anger felt toward the professors.

With the help of Carol Tavis, author of "Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion," and Carol Wade, the audience was informed on the nature and origins of student anger and the emotional responses to professors.

Tavis said that nowadays anger is expressed in "rude, hostile and abusive ways."

Bob Sanders, who hosted the teleconference, said behavior is sometimes justified by professors, whether it be attitudes of racism or sexism.

Tavis said professors can nip some negative feelings in the bud by specifying all requirements to students from the beginning and spell them out in the syllabus.

Some feelings can not be eased no matter what, Tavis said.

Students used to interpret grades as a reflection on study habits, but now students blame professors. Tavis also said that some students believed if they held anger in, it was bad for them and they

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—Carol Tavis, author of "Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion"

would develop ulcers. This information is unsupported by research, and these feelings justify violent behaviors, Wade and Tavis said.

Tavis' biggest concern is that students don't have a gap between feeling angry and expressing the anger. She said anger and aggression have to be separated.

"You can feel angry and express it civilly," Tavis said. "Even if you have a silly ritual such as baking bread every time you are angry."

We learn our anger through our parents, Tavis said.

When a kid is having a tantrum they learn it's OK to kick and still get what they want. Unfortunately, some 18-year-olds are still having tantrums, hoping to let out steam. Wade said it just adds fuel to the fire, suggesting that people should look at it like stoking up burning coals when the coals are about to die out.

Talking the problem out doesn't always

help either, Tavis said.

Talking the anger out is just practicing all the reasons students have to be angry again at the professor or co-worker. There is a time and place to talk about anger, she said, and if students are going to talk about it, they need to talk about it to solve it. Holding the anger in for a little while, Tavis said, will not cause the student to explode but rather to not speak in the heat of the moment — saying things that will be regretted later.

"The keyword is space," Tavis said, "and identifying fear."

If a student gets an "F" on a paper, Wade and Tavis said, the student sees it as a setback to graduating or to their goals, and then he or she blames the teacher for that setback.

Wade said that with grade inflation — when a student used to get A's and B's for poor or ordinary work and the instructor is honest with a C or "D, the student feels

betrayed and gets mad, again blaming the teacher. Wade said he does not see this as the student's fault. In today's society everyone is looking for someone to blame, he said.

Wade gave an example of a student in a dormitory who climbed up on a radiator to moon someone, fell through window, and is now suing for \$1 million. Wade said the student and his parents said there should have been some type of warning on the window, such as "WARNING: If you try to moon someone it may be hazardous for your health."

Another cause of students' anger is tension from not understanding different cultures.

Tavis gave the example of a student asking if it was OK to use colored paper on an assignment, but when the student heard the word *colored* she quit listening to everything else the other student said, got defensive, and said not to the word *colored*.

For the instructors who have been taking the hits, Tavis suggested teachers not take it personally.

"The student is angry at the grade — not you. And secondly, use a cooling-off period, you do not have to respond immediately. And realize students want and expect standards."

Academic affairs will sponsor another conference Jan. 25.



ovies are an outlet from the ordinary lives we lead that take us to a completely different place, time, maybe even a different dimension. The first thing that goes through my mind as the lights dim in a theater is "Take me away." (Unless it's a good "Star Trek" movie, then it's "Beam me up, Scottie.")

Movies can have deep philosophical meaning such as the movie "Powder," or they can be scants into silly aspects of life. (Just ask Jim Carrey to show you a thing or two about being silly. . . all righty, then?) As much as it kills me to say this, movies can also be romantic (ick).

No matter what type of movie you are looking for, they all "take you away." For two hours you don't have to worry about homework, quizzes, tests or that 20-page paper that's due tomorrow (and you haven't even started yet).

Why, then, is it such a difficult thing for a woman to decide what movie to go see? And why is it that the movie a woman finally decides to see is usually "love-dovey?"

Where did women get their taste in movies when they were growing up?

OK, OK. Guys play with G.I. Joe and Transformers while girls play with Ken and Barbie. Guys play football and girls have tea parties. But that certainly is no excuse.

When I was growing up, I always had a good slasher to see such as "Friday the 13th" parts one through 18 or even a "Nightmare on Elm Street" movie (which actually turned out to be several nightmares on Elm Street).

"Star Trek" was also in its prime. Spock died, came back to life, and helped Kirk to get a whale from the year 1985.

But what movies were you ladies watching while I was in a neighboring theater?

I don't remember any Barbie-meets-Ken or Ken-marries-Barbie movies. Did you go and see all the Care Bears movies? Did you watch "Strawberry Shortcake Meets Chocolate?"

Help me out, I'm a little confused. Maybe the only time you watch these

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Him & Her

Adam & Eve

This feature contains the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of the Gateway.

"mushy" movies is when you are around a man you like? You want to show him that you are not a woman's woman, eh?

Well, Hallmark is a lot cheaper and takes less time than a movie (and is usually less painful). In addition, you won't have to spend your time watching one of those movies.

Unfortunately, the one who usually makes the compromise when the two of you are at Blockbuster is the man. When it's a toss-up between "Ghost" and not getting any that night, which movie do you think a man is going to choose?

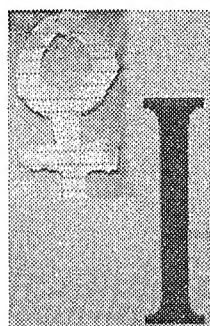
But finally, once every blue moon, she gets you get one of "those kinds of movies." You know what kinds those are — the ones that actually interest you.

Take, for instance, the movie "White Man Can't Jump." It's a great basketball movie and it's absolutely hilarious. But, as the credits start rolling, what does she say? Is it "Wow! That dude can sure dunk!" or "Could you believe how those guys could shoot?"

Nope, all she can say is, "But they didn't even get back together. She left him."

This reminds you that if you say anything to the contrary, she might do the same to you, which promptly makes you shove another handful of popcorn in your mouth.

I give up. Women are never going to change. I think I'm going to rent "Ghost" tonight for Eve and myself. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.



It's amazing to me what kinds of movies they're making these days. What amazes me even more is that there are actually people out there who pay money to see this garbage.

But what is really amazing is the taste most men have in movies. Just put a title such as "Space Invaders

from Mars," "Slasher III" or just simply "Boobs" on it, and men will come from everywhere and will slap down their money for tickets. Sure, every now and then I can tolerate a science-fiction movie, or even an occasional thriller, but some of the stuff that passes for movies these days is almost an insult to our intelligence.

On the other hand, men will tell you that all that women want in movies is a happy ending and a romantic, mushy movie. Well, guys, if that's all your woman is looking for in a movie, I'd keep that quiet — what that most likely means is that she's not getting enough romance from you!

What women want in a movie is a realistic, believable movie with a good story line. We don't want politically correct "fluffy" and "feel-good" movies. It doesn't have to be a

happy ending — some of the best movies are the ones that make you cry. But don't make me pay money and then slap some unbelievable crap up on the screen and expect me to be entertained.

OK, I admit, I liked the "Superman" movies (or maybe it was the tights). Sometimes, I even like the "thriller," scary-type of movie and the kind of movie that makes you sit back and think to yourself: "Whoa, could that really happen?" But when there is a movie with nothing but people being axed, cut up, sliced and diced, you're going to have to do a little better than that to get my attention.

Honestly, how many of you guys out there went to see a movie because Sharon Stone was in it? Even though you probably had no idea what the movie was about, you were still one of the first (of many men) in line, waiting to see it.

Movies with excessive nudity, violence and far-out science fiction baloney often have a lack of a story line, and interest levels (for those with a brain, at least) are low. It's not just a guy thing — I've seen women run like chickens with their heads cut off. All it takes is two words: Brad Pitt. Women are just as bad as men when it comes to steamy actors and actresses.

But what about the action/adventure/ego/testosterone movies? Once you've sat through and suffered through one, you've seen them all. There is a problem, ego-man shoots a lot of people, blows up a couple of buildings, defies death, has sex a couple of times, kills some more people, and then wins in the end. It doesn't matter if it's Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, 007 or whomever, they're all the same — egos with overly exercised bodies (and underdeveloped brains).

Who has better taste in movies? Honestly, I think there are both men and women who have terrible taste in movies, but how do you solve this problem when it comes to picking out which movie to see? It's simple: pick the closest compromise you can tolerate, stick out your bottom lip, and pout until you get your way.

Or better yet, find a system of seeing both kinds of movies — your favorites and his. You never know, you might actually like some of them (or if nothing else, you will get caught up on some lost sleep).

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Heartland Jazz Band to Perform at UNO

By Marylynn Ziemba

As winter begins to set in, the United States Air Force is bringing some blues to the UNO campus.

In a fourth-annual event, the U.S. Air Combat Command Heartland of America jazz band, The Noteables, will perform with guest artists Frank Mantooth and Kevin Mahogany. The jazz pianist and composer and jazz singer, respectively, will perform with "The Noteables" on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Theater.

"The mission of the band is to support community relations and education, troop morale and welfare. This is a way for us to bring normally high-priced jazz artists to this area and to let the community enjoy their music," said Director of Publicity Master Sgt. Lannom.

The first half of the concert, Lannom explained, will consist of performances by The Noteables with Montooth and Mahogany, arranged by Montooth. The rest of the concert will mainly consist of performances by Montooth and Mahogany.

"There will be a commissioned original by Frank called 'By the Sea,' which will be its premiere," Lannom said. "It's going to be a superb concert."

In addition to the jazz band, there are two other separate

United States Air Force bands, which perform rock/jazz and modern music.

Lannom, who also plays the oboe and English horn in the jazz band, said the joy is not only in playing the music itself, but in the performance.

"If I'm playing something, I find it very rewarding to see that I've touched them and give them something that helps bring the joy back into them. Ask any performer, and he will tell you he does it purely for the love of the art," she said.

"I know these musicians, I know these groups, and I hear them rehearse. The fire in my belly is to see that as many people as possible see this show. You couldn't pay to hear a group like this anywhere. To bring all of these people together is magic. The more people we get in there to hear them, the better."

The Noteables are full-time military performers, mostly from the heartland states, who perform in the central heartland states. In addition, some of the musicians have also been deployed in Southeast Asia to perform for troops.

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Researchers to Study Near-Death Experiences

By College Press Service

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—People have long reported unusual visions during a near-death experience. We've all heard about them—floating above one's body watching the physicians work; overhearing the conversations of loved ones in the hospital corridor; seeing a tunnel and a bright, beckoning light. But do people who claim these experiences change, heal faster than others—even experience miraculous recoveries?

Researchers at the University of Virginia hope to soon have answers to these haunting questions. The nation's first grant to study near-death experiences was recently awarded to U.Va. by a psychology institute in Freiburg, Germany.

The \$250,000 grant will allow researchers to work in conjunction with the cardiac care unit at the university's medical school. Over the next three years, they will collect and study incidents of heart attack patients who report unusual sensations of visions during their life-threatening experiences. Their recovery will be compared to that of other heart attack patients who perceived no such other-worldly occurrences.

"There have been a lot of claims that near-death experiences change people both psychologically and physically," explains Dr. Bruce Greyson, professor of psychiatry. "We are trying to determine if they recover faster and more fully than those who don't."

Greyson estimates that anywhere from 20 to 40 percent of people who have a close brush with death report these occurrences. Most find these to be positive experiences that cause them to no longer fear death and enjoy life more. They also report an overall improvement in their health.

"People often report personality changes—being less competitive and more cooperative; less concerned with material possessions and more concerned with spirituality and relationships," says Greyson. "They also report physical changes where their bodies and brains function differently. Or that they've experienced a seemingly miraculous recovery from illness. We are trying to see if, in fact, this is true."

U.Va. has been involved in studying near-death phenomena for the last 20 years, but this is the first time they will have such a controlled environment. In the past they have had to try to piece together data months, or even years, after the fact. Often medical records were hard to find and observers were no longer clear on critical details.

Dr. Ian Stevenson, the project director, cites the example of a woman who nearly died from a blood clot during childbirth. She reported leaving her husband and aunt, and of other hospital personnel. By the time this story was relayed to researchers, however, important details had become vague.

Stevenson says he believes this new project will help them overcome these frustrating problems. Now, researchers will have access to patients immediately after an event. This means the patient's recollections will be clearer and the medical and psychological after effects easier to document.

That doesn't mean, however, that they are discounting their research involving other near-death stories. In fact, they ask anyone who has undergone this type of experience to mail their account to Stevenson at the University of Virginia Division of Personality Studies, Box 152, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22908.



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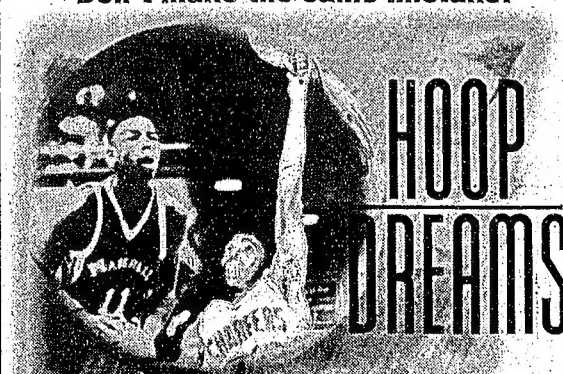
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COLLEGE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

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Protest Costs Student Newspaper Less Than \$50

DEKALB, Ill.—An attempt by some minority students to pull funds from the newspaper at Northern Illinois University has cost the publication less than \$50.

In October, a group of NIU minority students who were upset over the Northern Star's lack of coverage of minority issues went into the school's cashier's office and demanded the refund of a portion of their student fees.

Darryl Jones, one of the protesting students, said the action was over the paper's "focus on one side of the issue."

Although he maintained there were racial and social issues that needed to be addressed, Jones said the protest was simply a matter of economics. "Contributing to the paper makes us consumers," Jones said. "As a consumer, I'm not satisfied with the product and I want my money back."

NIU students subsidize the paper by paying six cents per credit hour for the publication. So far, 70 students have requested their money back, bringing the total to \$49.62.

Despite the refund requests, Leslie Rogers, the editor of the Star, says she has received strong support from many of her classmates. "When I'm walking to class, people say, 'Hey, you're doing a good job,'" Rogers said. "We have more minority coverage and stories in the Northern Star and we're making a direct effort to see if we need to do something."

Star staff members have already participated in a forum to hear the concerns of students.

Hormones May Dictate Alcohol and Drug Use

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Think it's just a coincidence that the hairiest guys at the bars are always the most sober? Maybe not. Researchers at the University of Kentucky already knew that hormones trigger bodily changes in students, but recent research indicates that they may also influence whether they drink alcohol and smoke cigarettes or marijuana.

UK psychiatrists found that high school girls who drink and smoke have higher levels of the male hormone testosterone, which increases impulsivity and risk-taking behavior, and the female hormone estradiol, than girls who don't. Increased levels of estradiol have been linked with breast cancer later in life as well as feelings of depression and sadness in adolescents.

Male high school students who drink alcohol and smoke marijuana are likely to have high levels of testosterone as well. Students with lots of a hair-growth hormone, though, are less likely than their peers to smoke marijuana. This hormone drains their energy and, researchers speculate, makes them less interested in experimentation.

It's unknown, though, whether increased hormones lead to substance abuse or if it's the other way around.

The study examined 160 students at two Kentucky high schools, one rural and one urban. The students, most of whom were 16, answered a survey and said whether they drank or smoked during the previous year. Researchers then took blood from each student and analyzed it for hormones.

Dr. Catherine Martin, the lead researcher, said the study could help prevent substance abuse and potentially serious health problems by identifying at-risk teens early.

Mistake Has Notre Dame Fan Up In Arms

LODI, N.J. — A tattoo of Notre Dame's mascot seemed like an appropriate way for Dan O'Connor to honor his favorite college team. But that was before O'Connor realized the tattoo of Notre Dame's "Fighting Irish" leprechaun was missing one important element: the letter "t."

O'Connor, with a fresh "Fighting Irish" logo still on his arm, has filed a lawsuit against the Tattoo Shoppe, the New Jersey tattoo parlor where he received his misspelled masterpiece.

"This is a classic case of incompetence," said Mark Chase, O'Connor's attorney. "You would assume that the person giving you a tattoo that you are paying for knows how to spell 'fighting.' If that's not the case, the least he can do is check a dictionary."

Chase says O'Connor, 22, has been a Notre Dame fan his entire life, following in the footsteps of his father, who graduated from the university. "It's a typical thing for a fan to do," Chase says. "Mr. O'Connor was hoping this was something he could be proud of."

Instead, Chase says, O'Connor must wear long-sleeve shirts to cover up his \$125 tattoo, which is on his right forearm.

O'Connor filed the lawsuit after the tattoo parlor failed to attempt to correct the matter. The suit seeks an unspecified amount for pain and suffering as well as the cost of at least \$700 for the laser surgery to remove the misspelled word.

Calls to the Tattoo Shoppe were not returned.

Illinois Students Cautious After Murder

URBANA, Ill.—Students at the University of Illinois are taking precautions around campus after a computer programmer was abducted, raped and strangled on Oct. 31. Maria Gratton's body was found in the basement of a campus building just hours after she left work. Police say she was abducted while walking less than two blocks to her parked car.

"There are a lot of nervous students out here," said Carol Menaker, a spokesperson for the university. "Everyone is being cautious, though. Until they find the person who did this—and even after that—we're asking students to be very careful."

Menaker says the school has increased patrols of campus buildings and walkways by using student volunteers and campus police. Escorts and rides are also being offered for students as they head home from evening classes or other campus functions.

"You try not to walk alone, no matter what," said Laura Runyon, a graduate student who lives in an apartment building three blocks from campus. "There are more people getting rides and taking the bus, even if it's just two blocks. We can't help it. We're scared."

Runyon says she was a sophomore on campus five years ago when a female student was fatally stabbed in her apartment while taking a shower. "People on campus are acting the same way again," she said. "Everyone's shocked and scared that something so horrible could happen here. We all feel so vulnerable."

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Sports



Mavs Finish Season 3-7

Team Loses Tough Final Game Despite Half-time Lead

By Dave Mollner

With below-freezing temperatures at kickoff time Saturday for UNO's final game of the year, it didn't take long for things to fire up on the gridiron at Al F. Caniglia Field.

Trying to hold onto a 37-34 UNO lead at the start of the fourth quarter, the Mavs defense let go of 21 unanswered points as the University of South Dakota marched home with a 55-37 win.

"We just couldn't make the big stop on defense," Mavs Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "We had them in so many third and long situations, and we just couldn't make the big stop."

Coming off of last week's 44-28 win on the road against South Dakota State, UNO finished the season 3-7 overall (2-7 in NCC) under second-year Head Coach Behrns, which equals their total wins over the past two seasons. For the 8-3 Coyotes of USD, their win Saturday leads them into a possible birth in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

On USD's opening drive, which consumed 6:31 and 64 yards on 12 plays, the Coyotes converted on third down and goal when quarterback Chris Miller hit Scott Farrens on a 1-yard touchdown pass to go ahead 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, UNO's Jermaine Hill responded by returning the kick from his own goal line and rambled 75 yards down to the Coyotes' 25. On the next play from scrimmage, UNO sophomore quarterback Troy Kloewer connected with senior Maurad Cave, who broke out of the back field uncovered for the 25-yard touchdown reception.

Hill, a 5-foot-8, 195-pound senior from Los Angeles, Calif., is ranked among the top five in NCAA Division II all-purpose yardage, kickoff returns and punt returns. Hill finished the game with 296 all-purpose yards, in which kickoff and punt returns accounted for 193 yards on only four touches of the ball. On Saturday, Hill left a lasting impression on

his career at UNO and the South Dakota sidelines.

"Hill killed us all over the field today, but he really hurt us on kickoffs and punt returns," said South Dakota Head Coach Dennis Creehan. "That kid is just a great football player."

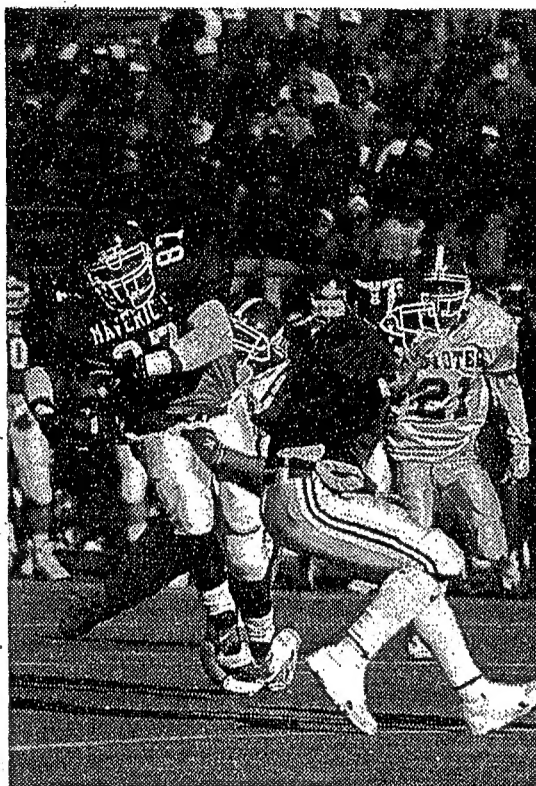
The first-half fireworks ignited again when Hill returned a punt up the middle for a 52-yard touchdown with 10:30 left in the second quarter, putting the Mavs on top 14-10. USD responded with a 10-play, 52-yard drive, which was capped off by Omaha native Reise Officer's 1-yard touchdown run, pushing the Coyotes back on top 17-14.

But Hill's final statement as a senior wasn't complete until the Mavs' next drive. Kloewer kick-started the drive by hooking up with junior fullback Cale Good on passes good for 33 yards. Just as the drive began to stall, UNO faced a third down and 14 on the USD 43-yard line.

As the Coyotes looked for the obvious pass call, Kloewer handed off to Hill on a draw, which Behrns couldn't have drawn up any better on the blackboard. Hill cut back across the flow of the defense, broke through the arms of three would-be tacklers and sailed 43 yards into the end zone for the score and a 21-17 lead.

"One thing we tried to do against this defense is run when they expected the pass, and pass when they were looking for the run," Behrns said. "I felt that was the way we had to attack them, and for the most part it worked."

The Mavs snapped back at the Coyotes on the ensuing kickoff, when a big hit jarred the ball loose and UNO's Damon Gardener returned the fumble 15 yards for another UNO score. Right before the half with :02 on the clock, freshman place-kicker Paul Kosel nailed a 42-yard field goal giving the Mavs a 30-24 heading into the locker rooms.



Senior tight end Todd Senters, left in photo at left, hauls in a 24-yard reception from quarterback Troy Kloewer.

Mavs' senior tailback Jermaine Hill, No. 5 in photo below, returns a 52-yard punt for a touchdown in Saturday's game against South Dakota. Hill finished the game with 296 all-purpose yards.

—SR Kemper

But as the third quarter began to unfold, so did the Maverick defense. On the Coyotes' first play from scrimmage, Miller kept the option pitch and lumbered 54 yards down to the UNO 9. Two plays later he finished what he started by rolling into the end zone from 5 yards out as USD regained the lead, 31-30.

"Their quarterback played awfully well today and really killed us on the option," Behrns said. "That's the best that kid has run the option all year — and the run that started off the second half. I think that's the one that got us spinning."

In the second half, the USD coaching staff decided it was tired off getting burned on special teams play and kicked away from Hill with squibbed kicks up the middle. Starting on its own 36, senior tailback Maurad Cave excited the crowd with a 63-yard run down to the one that probably covered more like 100

yards with all the cutbacks and jukes.

On the next play, UNO's Good coasted off-tackle for what would prove to be the Mavs' final score and lead at 37-34 with one quarter to play. The Mavs ran out of offensive fire power in the fourth quarter going three plays and out on back-to-back drives, which resulted in three USD touchdowns and the USD win.



Lady Mavs Defeat Team USA in Basketball Duel

By Tony Reinke

UNO basketball forwards Michelle Spetman and Amy Breen spurred the Lady Mavs to a 95-59 victory over USA Basketball Thursday night.

"They were definitely the scorers for us, and they were a nice combination for us inside," said Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg.

Spetman, a 5-foot-11 senior, led both teams with 25 points and shot 61 percent from the floor. She scored 10 points in the first 9:49 of the game, giving UNO a commanding 23-14 lead.

Breen, a 5-foot-11 junior, added 18 points from the forward position. Her five points early in the first half sparked a 9-0 run for the Lady Mavs.

Combined, the forward accounted for 43 points and 21 of the total rebounds.

Mankenberg was also pleased with the younger talent on the team. Sophomore

guard Tammy Pilcher scored 14 points with three three-pointers, and sophomore guard Beth Wilkinson had six assists.

Sandy Skradski led USA Basketball with 19 points.



—Lydia Johnson

Lady Mavs senior Michelle Spetman, center facing, attempts to block a shoot in the victory over Team USA.

INSIDE SPORTS

Find out how the UNO wrestling team is striving to repeat as champs.

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The men's basketball team beat Team USA to finish out the pre-season undefeated.

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The Lady Mavs volleyball team sweeps tournament.

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Sparky talks about the pain and tears of football.

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Mav Wrestlers Rated No. 2 in Preseason Standings

By Dave Mollner

In search for a second national title, the 1995-96 Mavs wrestling team is staying on track to reach its goal by grabbing the No.2 pre-season ranking in latest NCAA Division II Wrestling poll.

At last week's media day, Head Coach Mike Denney said his team is ready to take the mat.

"Last year, we were more settled at the lower weights but had some question marks at the upper weights," Denney, who's in his 17th UNO season, said. "This year, it's switched. We have some good people at the lower weights, but they're not as experienced." The only returning veteran in the first five weight classes is Erin Daugherty, who was 24-24 at 134-42 pounds. Daugherty, who won 18 consecutive matches last year at 134, was shuffled to 142 at the seasons end and didn't "perform to his expectations." He said he looks to change that this year.

"I feel like I was a let down last year towards the end and just burned out on training," Daugherty said. "I need to work on my mental toughness and hopefully peak at the right time this year."

The Mavs lost four all-Americans from last year's squad including 150 pound National Champion Brian Zanders, 118-pound Lim Prim (2nd), 134-pound NCC Champion and third-place finisher Steve Costanzo and fourth-place finisher Jimmy Foster.

Although Denney has lost their experience at the lower weights, their presence as assistant coaches will help push the Mavs towards knocking off defending National Champions Central Oklahoma. Along with fourth-year assistant and former all-American Ron Higdon, Denney has kept last year's team somewhat in tact.

For returning 167-pound National Champion Raphael Kizzee, the focus for this season is clear: remain king of the hill.

"I still want to be number one as long as I'm wrestling," Kizzee said. "I know everybody is gunning for me, but I'm also gunning for everybody else. I hate to lose." Kizzee finished 37-4 last year.

Another returning all-American gunning for the competition is Heavyweight Wade Kroeze, who closed out last year's season with a fourth-place finish nationally and a 15-10 record. Kroeze makes no bones about his intentions this season to be successful and is currently ranked third in the pre-season polls.

"I'm looking forward to becoming a national champion this year," Kroeze said. "This is my last year to get the job done and this team has the drive to take us to that level."

At the weight level below Kroeze is another returning all-American in 190-pounder Pat Kelley III, who placed fourth nationally in 1995 with a solid 31-12 record. For Kelley, this year's squad must "turn it up one more notch" from where it left off last year.

"I think that last year we all did step up to that next level but it turns out there are richer programs in the country that have the money to fund all their wrestlers," Kelley said. "Even though we had UNO's highest team-point total ever last year at the nationals, we still came up 50 points short. I think we have the quality wrestlers here this year to pick up where last year's team left off and get to that next level."

UNO receives less than four scholarships a year, which constitutes as one of the lowest in all of the NCAA Division II programs. Defending National Champions Central Oklahoma receives nearly three times the scholarship help than does UNO and, it also has also have a separate complex exclusively for wrestling and a wrestling "hall of fame."

The Mavs have another grappler ready to grab the title away from four-time defending National Champions Central Oklahoma this year in 150-pound national qualifier Jason Hutson.

"As a team, I think we're just as tough of a team right now as we were at this point last year in terms of winning a national title," Hutson said. "It's such a rivalry with Central Oklahoma, we'll do anything it takes to beat those guys."

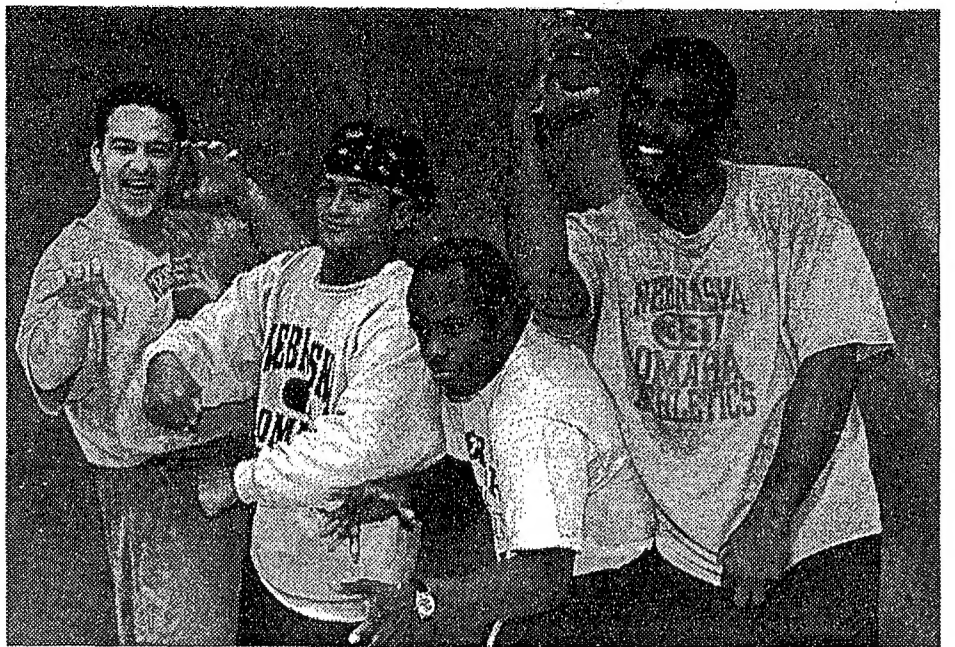
With the loss of his four all-Americans last year, Denney brought in some firepower to add to his wrestling arsenal. The Mavs will have 1994 all-American Tony Johnson at 134. Johnson, who transferred from Chadron State last year, becomes eligible with the start of the second semester.

Another transfer who could make an immediate impact on the mat this year is 177-pound junior college National Champion Corry Royal.

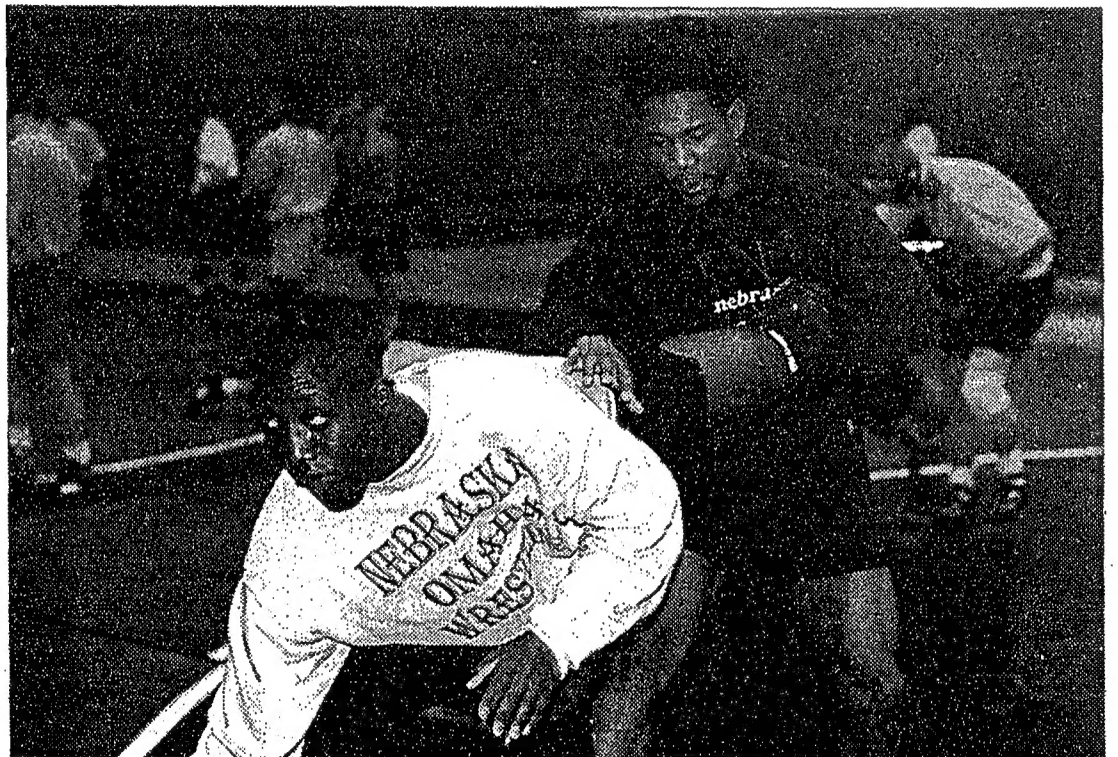
Also, Iowa State transfer Dan Lovell will battle veteran Phil Smart at 158.

The transition for other wrestlers such as two-time, Omaha Gross state champion Chris Blair has been smooth. Blair, a 150-pound freshman, finished his junior and senior years in high school undefeated with back-to-back state titles.

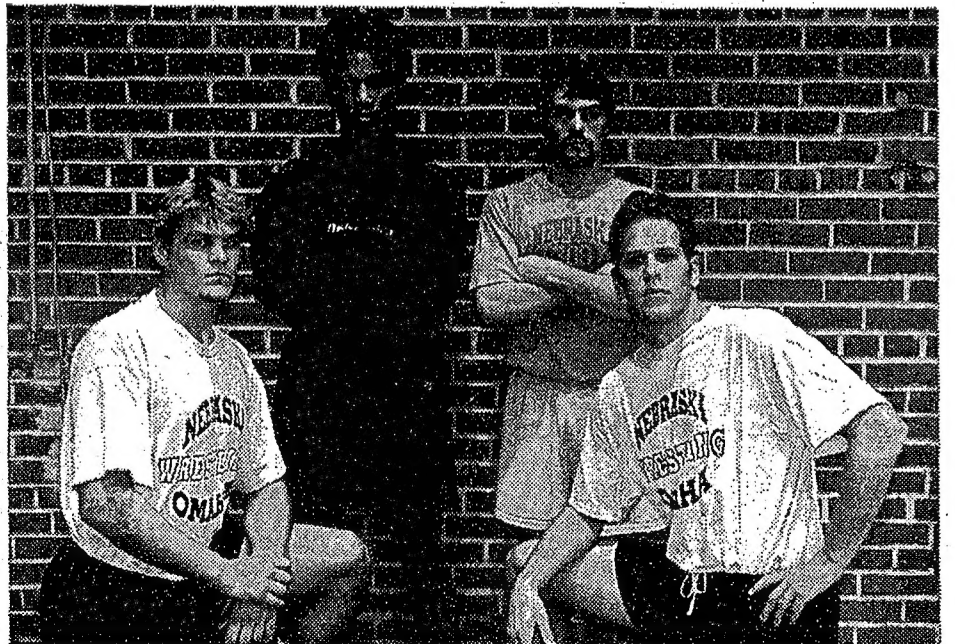
"I've brought the same 'hard work all the time' attitude with me here," Blair said, reflecting on the differences between high school and collegiate levels. "You've got to just keep going hard with the quality of wrestler's up here. Because here, it's all business."



The UNO wrestling coaching staff knows how to keep the wrestlers loose before a match. Left to right are former all-Americans Ron Higdon, Lim Prim, Jimmy Foster and national champion Brian Zanders.



Defending 167-pound national champion Raphael Kizzee, right, works out with 177-pound junior-college champ Corry Royal.



UNO's returning all-Americans, left to right, are heavyweight Wade Kroeze, 167-pound national champion Raphael Kizzee, 134-pounder Tony Johnson and 190-pounder Pat Kelley III.

—photos by Dave Mollner

Mavs Move Into Regular Season With 2 Exhibition Wins

By Dave Mollner

The UNO men's basketball team ran off 14 unanswered points Saturday against USA Basketball in the Mavs' final exhibition game of the year, posting a 102-91 victory and remaining undefeated.

Coming off a 108-63 going of La Salle of Mexico, the Mavs move to 2-0 in preseason play and will tip off the regular season Friday against Wayne State on the road.

In last year's thriller, UNO pulled off a 122-118 victory against USA Basketball, which consists mostly of former UNO players. This is only the third win UNO has netted against USA Basketball in the past 10 years.

"We really had to execute to win this game," first-year Head Coach Kevin Lehman said. "They took us out of synch midway through the first half by getting really aggressive, and our guys got soft and would shoot too quickly. In the second half, we played a little better, staying with team execution."

The Mavs were led by junior Shadric Thomas' team-high 19 points. Thomas, a 6-foot-3, 194-pound guard from Chicago, Ill., added five rebounds and made 8 of 10 from the charity stripe. Thomas' backcourt and Chicago native partner, Richard Jones, a 6-foot, 170-pound junior, finished with 16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in a strong performance.

For USA Basketball, the return of UNO's all-time leading scorer, Dean Thompson (1980-84), poses a challenge for any team. Along with other former Mavs such as Thor Palamore (1987-91), Frank Cypress (1993-95) and Tom Thompson (1984-88), USA Basketball kept things interesting. Palamore finished with a game-high 20 points.

USA took a 41-40 lead into the half with Dean Thompson knocking down nine points to help put them ahead. Not until midway through the second half did the Mavs get on a 10-0 run, jumping out ahead comfortably

74-58.

"They (UNO) did a better job in the second half running their offensive plays and post-ing-up down low," Thompson said. "We just like to try and provide them with a little competition in the preseason, plus it gives the old guys a chance to get to know the new guys."

Thompson said that with the new coaching staff, the overall goal is to try and bring as much unity to the program as they can.

Lehman becomes the third head coach the Mavs have rostered in the past three seasons, but he said his team is on track for its season opener Friday against the Wildcats of Wayne State.

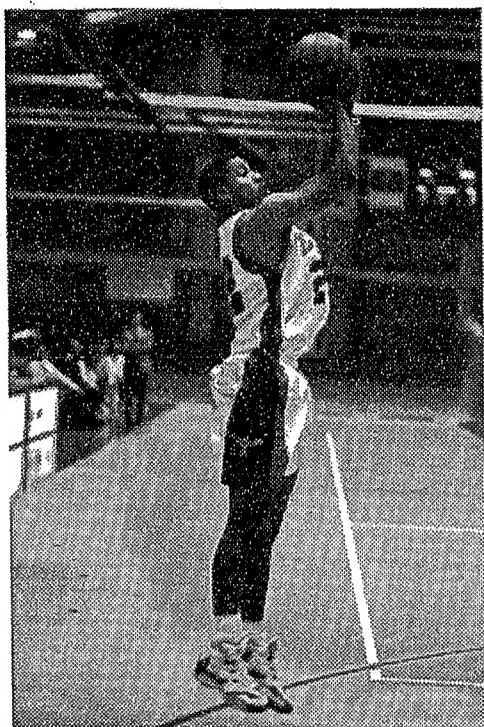
"At this point, I think we're in pretty good shape," Lehman said.

"We're ready to play."

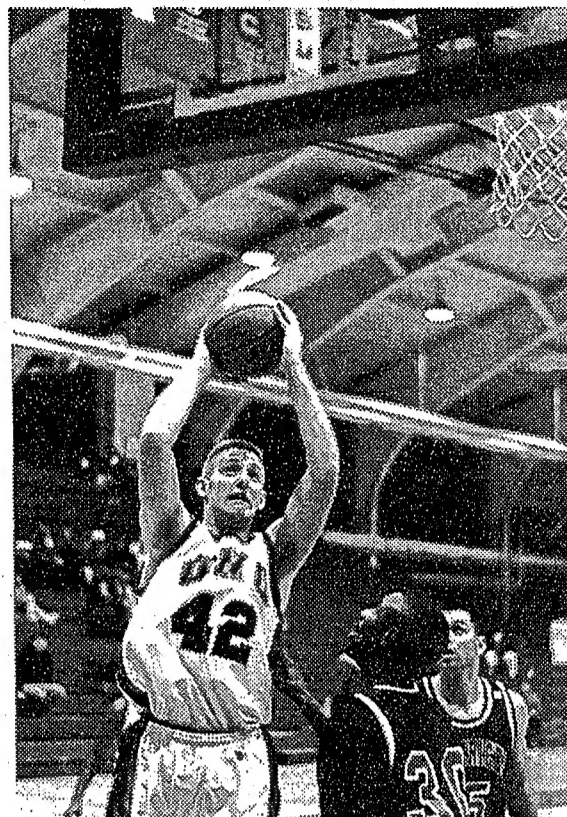
Other Mav notables:

Senior Center John Skokan scored 14 points and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds. Junior forward Derrick Bogay finished with 14 points and seven boards for the Mavs.

Junior guard Pete Ledford, who has been bothered by a foot injury during most of the preseason, shot 4 of 6 from the field adding 12 points and four assists in the win.



Mavs' junior guard Pete Ledford pulls up for a jumper against Team USA.



Sophomore forward Tim Burrell, left, hits one from inside as former Mavs Thor Palamore and Dean Thompson, right, look on.



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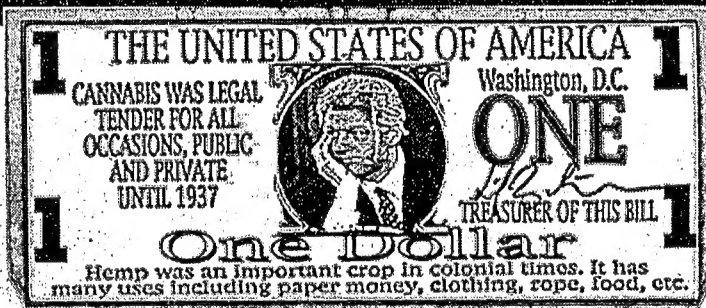
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Lone Senior Leads Lady Mavs to Tournament Sweep

By Tony Reinke

It was only fitting that senior Denise Otten dominate the UNO tournament Friday and Saturday, leading the Lady Mavs volleyball team to a three-match sweep. "She controlled the matches just as she has controlled the season," Head Coach Rose Shires said.

UNO closes out the regular season at 22-9 with its postseason hopes decided by other games in the conference.

Otten, a 6-foot middle blocker from Norfolk, Neb., hit a combined average of .756 with 31 kills and no errors in the final two matches of the tournament Saturday, en route to the tournament MVP award. Her average was two times higher than the national leader's season average and will make her a strong contender for NCC player of the week honors.

"Two days of a quality performance—an excellent performance," Shires said. "If this was her last day of play, this is the way that she would want to go out."

Otten's top performance of the two-day tournament was in a 15-5, 15-6, 15-1 victory over Southwest State on Saturday. In the third game of the match she served an ace to give UNO a 3-0 lead. Otten scored on two kills and a block assist midway through the game for an 11-1 UNO lead. She scored the final three points of the match, including a kill to seal a UNO victory.

"I was really trying to get the ball to Denise all day," junior Setter Amy Steffel said. "I knew that she could take care of the

ball, and it was really fitting the way it ended."

As it stands, Otten would hold the school record for hitting percentage in a season at .421.

"The award is special to me," Otten said. "It meant a lot to see how much my teammates supported me and the public, who has supported me for the past four years."

The Lady Mavs rolled past all three opponents to take the tournament championship over Northern State on Friday (15-9, 15-7, 15-4), Moorhead State (15-3, 15-1, 15-7) and Southwest State (15-5, 15-6, 15-1).

"It was nice to finish the home season like this," Steffel said. "We really dominated the

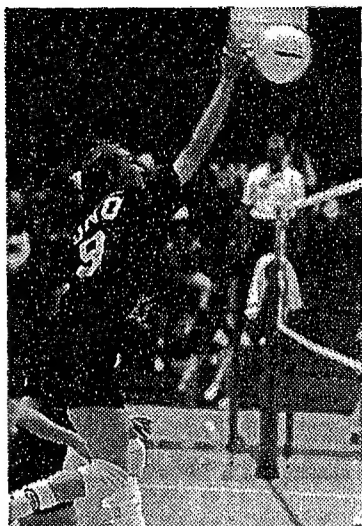
teams, and the scores really showed how well-trained of a team we are."

Shires said her team is still playing at a peak they reached on Nov. 3 at South Dakota State.

"We are, without a doubt, playing at our very peak," she said. "These athletes have what it takes to get to the NCAA regionals, but I also know that there are five quality teams in the NCC and one of them will not make it to the regionals."

The Lady Mavs, North Dakota State and Morningside are all in the hunt for the fourth and final regional bid.

"The entire team played extremely well this weekend," Shires said. "This performance is what our team and program are all about."



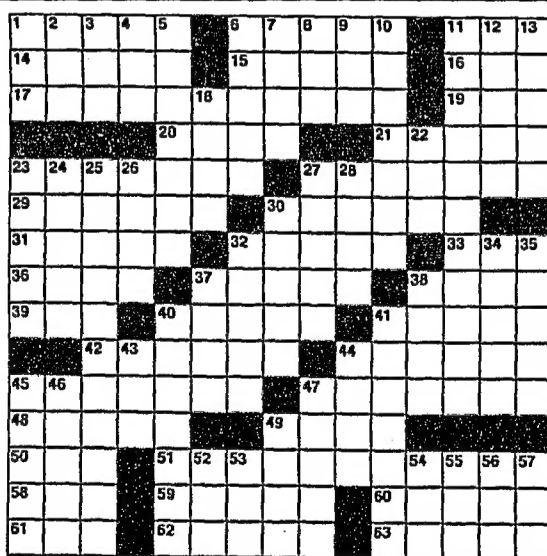
Mary Glogowski

Mavs sophomore Kim Gerdes nets one during the tournament.

THE Crossword

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1 Valuable violin
6 Member of the wedding
11 Slash
14 Played again
15 Chum of Mos and Curly
16 Pretty — picture
17 Those in a poker game
19 Chafe
20 Loll
21 Of neap and ebb
23 Bundle
27 Sweet and cloying
29 Words of a song
30 Hindu's divine law
31 Mountain ridge
32 Pert
33 Scottish cap
36 Koppel and Danson
37 Comic Victor
38 Roman — isle
39 "— w ing to..."
40 Blueprints
41 Drawing room
42 Armed forces
44 King's seat
45 Teachers of a school
47 Trendy one
48 Marble
49 Part of the leg
50 Debussy's "La —"
51 Small pasteboard of a kind
58 Terminate
59 Love affair
60 Gruesome
61 Drunkard's affliction
62 Lama land
63 Omit a syllable

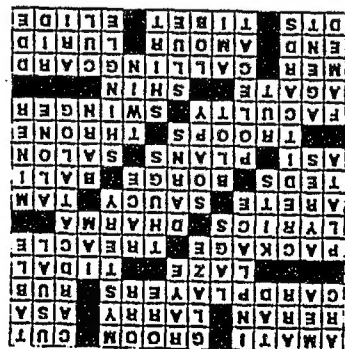
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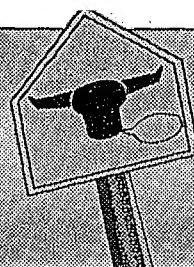
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ANSWERS

6 Shiny coating
7 Comedienne
8 Martha
9 Mine material
10 Hockey hero
11 Crime novel, e.g.
12 Library item
13 Ordinary
14 Furniture piece
15 Fails to keep up
16 "— a Camera"
17 Rio de la —
18 Hollywood's Dr. Kildare
19 Cash substitutes
20 Sets of articles
21 Goons
22 Ethnic group
23 Mends
24 Sudsy
25 Without help
26 Forty-niner
27 Stain
28 Farm building
29 Skunk
30 Lawyer's sign



43 Stagnant routine
44 One of two
45 Notable
46 Go-between
47 Blouse
49 Turn sideways
52 Friend: Fr.
53 Tennis stroke
54 —de-sac
55 "Exodus" name
56 Free
57 Ike's monogram



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Mavs Football Suffers Growing Pains

The pain was apparent in the Mavs' locker room Saturday after South Dakota scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter and the Coyotes came from behind and pulled off a 55-37 win.

This young Mavs team is hungrier than a 3-8 record.

But this is supposed to be a rebuilding process. A team with only eight seniors and 54 freshmen isn't supposed to win games such as these anyways, even though the Mavs were once again leading going into the fourth quarter. Try telling them that.

UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns pleaded with his young warriors not to hang their heads after the loss, pointing out that this team hasn't battled its North Central Conference adversaries this tough in years. He praised the play of seniors such as Maurad Cave, Todd Senters, Dante Garrido and Jermaine Hill, who played their butts off that day. But for the eight seniors especially, who, Behrns said, left some of the "best performances of their career's" on the field Saturday, the pain runs deep.

For them, starting back in the Mueller era in 1993 and undergoing not only a coaching change but learning an entirely new football system, to walk away with only eight wins in four years has to be hard to accept.

And for the underclassmen who are next in line to grab the reins and attempt to steer this program in the right direction, this season's growing pains were obvious after Saturday's game.

Some players stormed around the locker room still not able to comprehend what had just happened on the field, while others tried to fight back tears.

But these were not tears of sadness, these were tears of pain.

"I came here to play football and win,

not to take this bullshit in our own house" a voice shouted out among the hushed room. Another Mav expressed his frustrations and screamed, "Next year this shit ain't gonna happen and nobody's gonna come in here and spit in our faces again."

The Mav was referring to the fourth-quarter play after the Coyotes were penalized for offsides and lined up to re-kick. USD kicker Steve Opstad poured salt into an open wound when he kicked the ball over the UNO sidelines into a crowd of South Dakota fans in the stands. No flags were tossed on the play. No unsportsmanlike conduct was called.

I don't know if that's the brand of football Coach Dennis Creehan preaches up in Vermillion, S.D., but if so, then his big butt should keep it there. Definitely not a class move.

After the game, Behrns personally spoke to me about his players and the pain they were experiencing. Something I found especially tough for them to understand and accept about being a part of the rebuilding process, but something that's realistically true.

"I think our players are hurt, but they've got to be hurt," he said. "This has got to hurt them before we can ever turn this program around. We have nothing to hang our heads about, but it does have to hurt you to let this change happen."

Now here's a coach not pulling any punches and laying everything on the table for his players to see. No cheap shots, just telling them how it is.

And regardless of what record the Mavs brought off the field with them this season, one thing's for certain of the statement they left behind on the field for the North Central Conference: This is a class organization, and they better watch their asses in 1996. Out!

Fresno State Gets Winery

By College Press Service

FRESNO, Calif.—Fresno State students sometimes get to sip a little wine during class. That's not to say they're carrying bottles in their backpacks. It's just that for these students, an occasional taste of wine is just part of the curriculum.

Since 1960, California State University at Fresno has trained numerous people in the wine industry through its enology program. And with a new winery set to open soon, Fresno State students will get to create, bottle and sell their own wine, becoming the first school in the nation to offer a student-created, commercial wine.

"It's going to be a great opportunity," says Ken Fugelsang, an enology professor and resident winemaker. "Students will get to use a state-of-the-art facility to learn the skills of their craft."

The new 10,000-gallon winery is the first of its kind built on a college campus. And thanks to the \$3 million facility, students will receive a hands-on education on what goes into making a great wine.

"Students here learn everything from choosing the grapes to the final bottling process," Fugelsang says. "The chance to use the new winery will only enhance what already is a wonderful program."

Currently, 75 students are enrolled in Fresno State's enology program, taking 30 hours of core course in wine-making as

well as 15 hours in viticulture—the study of growing grapes—and 15 hours in chemistry and micro-biology.

"When people hear you're in the wine-making program, they think it's a blow-off," says Fugelsang. "People don't realize how technical it really is."

The new winery has the capacity to crush four tons of grapes, which are grown on 140 acres of vineyards on campus. "The entire state of California has a lot to offer wine connoisseurs, and now we'll be an even bigger part of that process," says Carlos Muller, head of Fresno State's enology department.

It won't hurt the school's reputation within the wine-making industry, either. "With only a select few enology programs in the country, any little boost you give your program helps," says Dan Bartel, dean of the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. "This makes us more visible than ever before. It can only help our graduates when they go looking for jobs."

Although the market may seem small, Fugelsang says there are always opportunities for qualified winemasters. "The market dictates what wineries produce and how many they hire," he says. "As long as people keep enjoying wine, there will be opportunities."

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Fast food before fire

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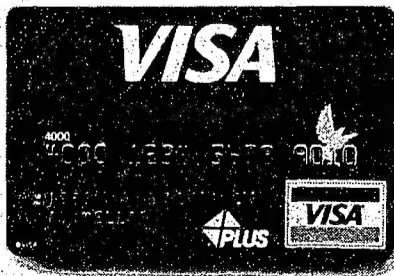


For Pinocchio, the terms of his parents' divorce settlement were especially painful.

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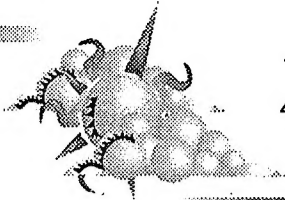
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Wednesday



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Thursday



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Oklahoma Students Get Bad Grade Reprieve

From College Press Service

NORMAN, Okla.—University of Oklahoma Students' course decisions could change with a new policy that erases grades from bad semesters.

OU's academic reprieve policy allows students to eliminate all grades and hours awarded for up to two consecutive semesters. The policy began last summer.

The original grades will still appear on the transcript but will not be factored into the retention grade-point average. The retention GPA determines grades needed for university requirements including graduation, the honors program and OU-administered scholarships.

Laurie Tinsley, assistant director of academic records, said the policy allows students a second chance if they can prove they have reformed.

All reprieves must be filed through the academic records office and approved by the dean of the students' college, Tinsley said.

The policy is only open to undergraduate students who have enrolled since last summer.

At least three years must have elapsed since the semester requested to be reprieved, and the student must have earned a 2.0 GPA or higher with no grade lower than a C. The grade requirements do not include activity or performance courses and can be completed outside OU.

Students are limited to one reprieve and will not be considered for a second reprieve if one was previously denied.

Tinsley said less than a dozen students have filed for reprieves.

She said students may combine a reprieve with the university's existing repeat policy. The repeat policy allows students to retake a class in which they originally earned Ds or Fs. Like the reprieve policy, courses and individual grades will not be erased from the transcript, but the new grades will replace the old ones in the retention GPA.

Students are allowed to repeat up to four courses for a maximum of 18 hours.

Jack Lindstrom, political science freshman, disagrees with the policy.

"Most people don't do very well their first semester because it's a big transition from high school to college, but that doesn't mean (the policy's) right," he said.

"It's just like life—you shouldn't be able to go back and get a second chance," Eugene Vitiello, pre-pharmacy junior, said the waiting period should be reduced to a year and a half.

"People are paying to go to school so maybe it should be their choice to eliminate what they've paid for," Vitiello said.

Vitiello also said students should be responsible enough to take their classes seriously the first time.

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